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I write in support of the proposal to extend the initial period for negotiating a railbanking agreement to 365 days (up from 180 days). It has been shown that most of these complex agreements take more than 6 months to complete, and it is a waste of time and effort to require the parties to petition for extra time after the first 6 months. I don't believe there is any downside to extending this period to a year, since the tracks are already out of service. Railbanking is a program of unique importance to the nation, and it is beneficial for every possible corridor to be saved for possible future reactivation in case of need. Thank you.